

### **TIMING LIMITATION STIPULATION**

No surface use is allowed from April 1 through June 30 in big game birthing areas.

This stipulation does not apply to the operation and maintenance of production facilities unless the findings of analysis demonstrate the continued need for such mitigation and that less stringent, project-specific mitigation measures would be insufficient.

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of:

To protect mule deer, elk, antelope, and moose birthing areas from disturbance and facilitate long-term maintenance of wildlife populations.

Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes.

Exception: An exception to this stipulation may be granted by the authorized officer if the operator submits a plan that demonstrates the impacts from the proposed action are acceptable or can be adequately mitigated.

Modification: The boundaries of the stipulated area may be modified if the authorized officer, in consultation with the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP), determines that portions of the area no longer contain birthing habitat for big game species. The dates for the timing restriction may be modified if new wildlife use information indicates that the dates are not valid for the leasehold.

Waiver: This stipulation may be waived if the authorized officer, in consultation with the FWP, determines that the entire leasehold no longer contains big game birthing areas.

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